#### CAIRO DÉRVISHES

THEIR HOWLING AND WHIRLING ON THE BANKS OF THE NILE.

A Performance of Which Much Has Been Written Described by an Eyewitness—An Entertainment Which Put the Boston Chaptain to Thinking.

Cairo has an entertainment every Friday afternoon which draws well. It is the function of the howling and whirling dervishes in the mosque of Kasr-el-Ain, on the road to old Cairo, near the bank of the Nile. There were formerly two entertainments, one of the howlers, the other of the whirlers. I do not know how they happened to be united. I suppose it came from the tendency toward consolidation and combination so prevalent in these times. It is much more convenient now. In the former times tourists were obliged to hurry from one to the other, as they both came off at the same hour. Now they can go leisure ly after an early lunch. We assembled with 100 or 200 of our fellow travelers at the appointed hour, or rather some time before, in order to secure good

The performance is given in a circular room crowned by a lofty dome. Chairs are supplied for a moderate stipend. On the occasion when we assisted there were about 30 performers. The leader of the troop was a very respectable looking man. He sat in the place of honor on one side of the room. The others formed a semicircle in front of him. The exercise began with a short invocation and devout obeisances. At first the dervishes kneeled on mats. The leader opened with a brief chant, and the others responded vigorously, ducking their heads to the floor. Then a benevolent looking senior member struck up a song which had something of the effect of a pig under a gate. This seemed to be stiumlating, for all the others rose and began a rhythmic howling, keeping time by moving their heads forward and backward, with occasional variations to the right and left.

The howling was varied by a snorting chorus, which, with practice, becomes very effective. This was followed by deep and loud breathing, the heads all the time wagging in the most vigorous manner. The accompanying music at first was only a flute and a small drum, but as they warmed up larger drums and cymbals were brought in, and the more violent action was accented by a tremendous din. About half the dervishes had long hair, and the movement of their heads was sufficient to throw it forward and backward at every stroke. This was a real addition to the effect. After they got well at work one of them glided into the center of the circle and began to whirl, keeping time to the music and the howling, which kept going faster and faster.

Now and then the leader would make a signal to stop. Some of the performers seemed unable to do this promptly, but

in a swoon My one of them fa' fair way to recover when we left. This was a slight disappointment. Some days there are more events of this nature. which always increase the pleasure of the audience. I am almost inclined to fear that the "show" element has been allowed to creep into this performance, though it appears to be carried on in dead earnest. There is no fee for admission, but every visitor is expected to drop something into the "plate" as he goes out, besides paying for his chair.

The performers at first struck me as a "job lot" of loafers picked up in the street for the purpose, but I was assured by one who ought to know that they were real dervishes, well practiced in their business. Certainly no company without a good deal of practice could go through what they did without a greater list of casualities. I did not see any indication on a single face that there was anything amusing about it. As this was a religious function, the chaplain naturally took the right of the line. 1 saw that he was intensely interested and presumed that he was looking for a deeper meaning underlying the strange spectacle. It seems that he was considering the possibility of introducing something of this nature to give warmth and color to the religious services in the churches of Boston, which are too apt to be coldly decorous, especially under the chilling influences of the Back Bay.

Two carefully selected and well organized troops, one of whirlers and the other of howlers, would add real life and interest to any one of our churches where the members of the congregation are now apt to be sleepy. Anything in reason, the chaplain says, to get people out of their ruts of self complacency. I can scarcely venture to express an opinion here as to the spiritual effect, but I feel sure that a congregation, drowsy with overfeeding on baked beans and brown bread, would be made wide awake by joining moderately in exercises like those exhibited to us by the whirlers and howlers of Cairo. -Cor. Boston Herald.

Fried Ice Cream. A Philadelphia firm makes a specialty of fried ice cream, which is pronounced delicious by all who taste it. A small, solid cake of the cream is enveloped in a thin sheet of pie crust and then dipped in boiling lard or butter long enough to cook the outside to a crisp. Served immediately, the ice cream is found to be as solidly frozen as when it was first prepared. The process of frying is so quickly accomplished and the pastry is so good a protector that the heat has no chance to reach the frozen cream. - New York Times.

Marie---Oh, I was so very, very sorry to find you out when I called yesterday. Myrtylla - I, too, regretted it, of course. But do tell me why you were so very, very sorry,

Marie-Because I'd just seen you en-Vogua.

THE PLANET URANUS. me Interesting Things a Voyage to the

Gigantic World Would Disclose. If Uranus, which is a star of about the sixth magnitude, were a planet like those little ones called asteroids, which are being discovered by the dozen every year, it could not have much claim upon popular attention. But Uranus is really a gigantic world, more than 60 times as large as ours. Its vast distance, now about 1,700,000,000 miles from the earth, is what causes it to look so small. Uranus has four moons, which revolve backward in their orbits—that is to say, they revolve from east to west around Uranus, while Uranus goes, like all the other planets, from west to east around the sun. It is believed that Uranus rotates backward on its axis also. Moreover, the axis of that great, strange globe lies in such a direction that in

the course of its year, which is equal to 84 of our years, the sun shines almost perpendicularly first upon one pole and then upon the other. Measured by our time standard, there are 40 years of constant daylight, followed by 40 years of unbroken night, around the poles of Uranus. And the sun rises in the west and sets in the east there. But the sun looks very small when viewed from Uranus—only one four-hundredth as large as it appears to us. Still it sheds upon that planet 1,500 times as much light as the full moon sends to the earth, so that daylight upon Uranus, while faint compared with the blaze of a terrestrial noonday, is nevertheless very respectable kind of illumination. It is a pity that the telescope is able

to show us very little of the detail of the surface of Uranus. Some faint bands or belts, just visible with the most powerful instruments, are all that can be made out. If we could visit Uranus, we should probably be greatly surprised, if not greatly disappointed. Its average density is but a trifle in excess of that of water, and of course its surface density is far less.

A voyager from the earth landing on Uranus would probably sink almost as rapidly as if he had leaped upon one of those round white thunderclouds which, piled high in air, look so solid and snowy cool on a July afternoon. He could no more walk on the surface of that world than he could walk on water.

It has generally been assumed that the meaning of the slight density of Uranus is that that planet is still in a vaporous or liquid condition and exceedingly hot perhaps. If so, it may in the course of future ages contract and condense and cool until it comes into a condition resembling the earth's. Will vital forces then become active upon it and produce a long succession of living species, brightening its dim daylight with the color of flowers and the ceaseless activity of animate existence? not likely that man will eve-

answer that quest looks upop the ears

Scotia. A piano with a bad note was fixed by simply opening an inside shutter of a bay window at the opposite side of a parlor from the piano. The latch of one shutter was lightly resting against the edge of another and caused the jangle when one particular note was struck. The lady player had previously declared that she would send for a tuner the next day and laughed at my attempt to fix it by hunting about the room while she pounded. However, she did not conceal her surprise when the trouble was removed and admitted that there was

that she did not quite understand. In regard to locating these jangles, however, I will say that it is not always so easy. It requires some practice before the ear becomes capable of locating with any degree of success the direction of sounds of this kind. This was my experience with the first piano jangle, that of the cracked globe, which was quite difficult. That of the window shutter was easier as well as many others which I have located since. A correct musical ear is also an important adjunct in the case.—A. A. Knudson in Popular Science Monthly.

something about this sound business

#### Birch Bark Shoes.

Shoes and other articles besides bascets and cabinets are manufactured from birch bark by the Russian peasantry. The bark from which these articles are made is from the inner skin of the Russian birch tree, common in almost all parts of the empire. It is gathered spring and fall, and the process is a very simple one. An incision is first made around the trunk of the tree, and the peasants have a knack of tearing or unwinding the bark from the starting point, which gives them a strip of even width that they wind ibto a ball and keep through the winter until it is dry enough to use. It is then made into shoes, baskets and other useful articles. The barks shoes are universally worn by the Russian peasantry. Other shoes used in winter are made of sheeps' wool. These are manufactured by itinerant cobblers who travel from house to house, using the peasants' own materials. Philadelphia Ledger.

#### The Acme of Forensic Force.

"And now, gentlemen of the jury, shouted the young lawyer, running his long fingers through his flowing locks, now, gentlemen of the jury, I sek you as men and as citizens of this great and glorious republic if the spotless character of my client is to be permitted to suffer from the words uttered by thatby that-by that vermiform appendix who sits in the witness box with perjury stamped all over him!"-Indianapolis Journal.

Used to It.

The prophets tell us that we shall all travel by airship one of these days, but the experience will not be a novel one to those who have lived on heirships all about how a newspaper should be than I do."—Washington Star. their lives. - Newport News.

BISHOP POLK'S QUICK WIT.

Mow He Saved Himself From Capture When I side the Federal Lines. Bishop Polk of Louisiana, who served

so zealously in the Confederate army, had one adventure at the battle of Perryville which is best told in his own words. He says: About dark, shortly after the arrival

of Liddell's brigade, I observed a body of men whom I believed to be Confederates standing at an angle to this brigade and firing obliquely at the newly arrived troops. "Dear me," said I, "this is very sad.

It must be stopped." So I turned round, but could find none of my young men, who were about on various messages: I determined to ride up myself and settle the matter. I cantered up to the colonel of the regiment, asked him in angry tones what he meant by shooting at his friends and desired him to cease doing so at once.

"I don't think there can be any mistake about it," he said, with some surprise. "I am sure they are the enemy." "Enemy!" I said. "Why, I have only just left them myself. Cease firing, sirt

What is your name, sir?" "My name is Colonel - of the

-, and pray, sir, who are you?" Then, for the first time, I saw to my astonishment that he was a Federal, and that I was in the rear of the Federal lines. I knew there was no hope but in brazening it out, my dark blouse and the increasing obscurity befriending me, se I approached quite close to him, shook my fist in his face and said:

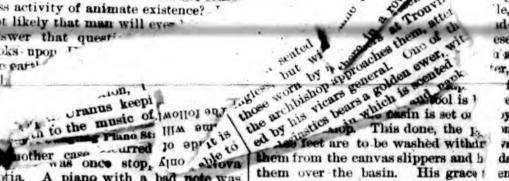
"I'll soon show you who I am. Cease firing at once!"

I then turned my horse and cantered slowly down the line, shouting in an authoritative manner to the Federals to cease firing. At the same time I experienced a dis-

agreeable sensation like screwing up my back and calculating how many bullets could lie between my shoulders. I was afraid to increase my pace till I got to a small copse, and then I put the spurs in and galloped back to my men. I rode up to the nearest officer and said to him, "Colonel, I have reconnoitered those fellows pretty closely, and there is no mistake about their being Federals!"-Youth's Companion.

Religious Foot Washing In Paris.

The church, being fond of striking contrasts, put forth all her pomp while the archbishop was going through the humiliations of the ceremonial. Strictly speaking, there is no foot washing. The 12 indigent old men had their feet washed before they con- "e cathe-



them over the basin. His grace ! pours a few drops of water over foot. This done, a towel is hand him, and he wipes the water away. As there are 12 persons to be att

ed to, this office, which is taken to s bolize Christian charity and humility, is repeated as many times. A grand procession, followed by an anthem, ends the service. —Paris Correspondent London

#### Two Great Days.

The teacher was instructing the arithmetic class in history. "On what day is Washington's birth-

day?" she inquired. "Twenty-second of February," anwered the class.

"And Independence day?" "The Fourth of July."

"What is the difference between the two days?"

This seemed to be a poser, and no reply was forthcoming. Finally a youngster who had been scribbling on a slip of paper held up his hand. "Good for you, Johnny," said the

teacher encouragingly. "Now tell us what the difference is between these two of the greatest days in our national his-"Four months and 12 days, ma'am,"

and the teacher was shocked, because. she had forgotten there was an arithmetic side to the question as well as a history one. - Detroit Free Press.

#### Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is so called from the curious custom of strewing ashes on the head as a sign of penitence. It was probably instituted by Gregory the Great, who was pope from 590 to 604. Originally the ashes were consecrated on the altar before mass, sprinkled with holy water and signed three times with the cross. During this ceremony the priest recited these words, "Memento quod cinis es et in cinerem reverteris." (Remember that thou art dust and must return to dust.) The ashes thus consecrated were then strewn on the heads of the officiating priests and the assembled people. The ashes were usually obtained by burning the palms consecrated on the preceding (Palm) Sunday. -St. Louis Republic.

Governed by Women.

At the election in Spring Hill, Kan. on April 3, women were elected to all the municipal offices, including mayor. councilmen and police judges. Spring Hill is a town of about 700 inhabitants, on the Missouri river, Fort Scott and Gulf railroad, in Johnson county. It has two churches, a bank and flourishing mills. - Kansas Exchange.

An Eventful Day.

"Well, well!" exclaimed the editor. 'If that wasn't a queer experience!" "What was that?" said the foreman. "There was a man in here just now who didn't seem to know any more



#### Like a New Man Alderman Freiensehner Tells How He Was Cured

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#### Sidewalk Notice. In pursuance of an Act passed by the Legis-

of New Jersey, for the "Conscruction of sidewalks and to provide for other improvements in the Township of Bloomfield," the taxpayers of Sidewalk District No. I, comprising all that portion of the township lying north of Bay Lane, are notified to meet at E. G. Day's Store, Brookdale.

District No. 2.—All south of Bay Lane and

between Morris Canal and Bloomfield Avenue, are notified to meet at the Township Committee rooms. This district has overdrawn the account District No. 3 .- All east of the Morris Canal

are notified to meet at Dawkins's store, corner Montgomery and Orchard Streets. This dis-trict has a balance of \$948 District No. 4.—All south and southwest of Bicomfield Avenue are notified to meet at the

Bloomfield Police Station, Conger Street. This district has overdrawn the account \$226. On Monday, May 14, at 8 o'clock P. M., to decide by vote how much money shall be raised by tax in said districts for the purpose of grading sidewalks for the ensuing year.

By order of
THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

WM. L. JOHNSON, Township Clerk, BLOOMFIELD, N. J., May 7, 1894.

Proposals for Constructing Broken Stone Roadway. Sealed Proposals are hereby solicited for the construction of Broken Stone Roadway on atreets or avenues in Bloomfield Township; said roadway to be sixteen feet wide and four, six, eight, or ten inches in depth. The proposals for the construction of roadway to include all for the construction of roadway to include all excavation necessary for the roadbed, price to be also given per cubic yard for removing any surplus earth. All work and materials subject to the approval of the Road Committee, and where extra excavation has to be done, and the earth is used for packing, no extra charge is to be made for excavating. Specifications furnished on application, and if the advertisement conflicts with the specification, the specification is to be the guide, and no deviation from the requirements of the specifications will be permitted. All proposals to be submitted to the Road Committee on Monday, 3 P. M., May 21, 1894.

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Proposals for Sidewalk Construction.

Sealed Proposals are hereby invited for the

Sealed Proposals are bereby invited for the construction of about 10,000 lineal feet of stone sidewalk; said sidewalk to be four feet wide, and constructed of flagging not less than eight square feet in each, and edges trimmed to a uniform width. All stone to be of standard quality, and not less than two inches thick, and laid upon a bed of sand three inches deep, the contractor to furnish sand, and price named to include the cost of excavating the necessary depth for three inches of sand and for the stone, and for the removal of all waste material after the work has been completed. These proposals will not include the cost of grading where it is necessary to grade more than is required for the laying of the stone upon three inches of sand. The contractor is also requested to name a price per yard for grading, which is not included in price named for laying stone, All work must be done to the satisfaction of the Sidewalk Committee.

The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Proposals for Broken Stone. Sealed Proposals are hereby solicited for broken stone, delivered at points in the town-ship as requested by the Road Committee. These proposals must state the price per ton of 2,240 lbs. The Committee reserves the right to reject

ESTATE OF PHINEAS J. WARD, deceased. Pursuant to the order of JOHN B. DUSENBERRY. Surrogate of the County of Essex, this day made, on the application of the undersigned Executors of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscribers under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within nine months from this date, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscribers.

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Proposals for Crosswalk Construction.

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The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JOHN A. LAWRENCE, BLOOMFIELD, N. J., May 7, 1894.

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT.—NO-tice is hereby given that the accounts of the subscriber, executor of Benjamin F. Cairns, deceased, will be audited and stated by the Surrogate and reported for settlement to the Orphans' Court of the County of Essex, on Tuesday, the 15th day of May next. Dated March 2, HALSEY M. BARRETT.



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